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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

A GRATEFUL ZOMBIE

Our zombie editor, that is, the one who is holding the fort until the relief expedition arrives next week, is very grateful to three groups which have done very nicely by him since word went round that he was retiring, but whose graciousness has not hitherto been mentioned in our columns. One is the Olympic Press, publisher of "rival" labor papers, the second is the UC Industrial Relations Institute, and the third is his own union, the Newspaper Guild.

Langdon Post, Olympic Press editor-in-chief, authorized the writing of an interview with our current editor by Margaret Miller which was printed in Olympic Press papers and was reprinted in the Congressional Record on motion of Jeff Cohelan; the UC Industrial Relations Institute gave a luncheon April 13 in the Faculty Club at UC attended by both university and labor people at which our zombie was encouraged to express one more time his cherished opinions on the way the universe ought to be conducted, and in the course of which a beautiful atlas of the classical world with a specially prepared book plate was presented to him; and Sam Eubanks, on behalf of the Guild, presented a 25-year membership pin which was emotionally received and is proudly worn.

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'MEAN A LOT'

As for the deeply appreciated CLC-BTC farewell party in Jack London Hall, we've already published some account of that.

These things mean a lot to one who is climbing up on the shelf.

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WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE

The special bookmark for the classical atlas, after an appropriately academic Latin phrase meaning "As Burgess might have said," quotes William Allen White's statement in the Emporia Gazette in 1913:

"What chiefly we are aiming at is to reflect in good, simple English the events of the day in the light of such truth as Providence has given us, and to comment on the events of the day as candidly and as honestly and as understandingly as the good Lord will let us."

Very well put!

National Homebuilders attack building trades

The National Association of Homebuilders, which has been trying to split labor by persuading building tradesmen to fight industrial unions, has put out a leaflet against the building trades, says Art Hellender.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Put Miller and Cohelan bumper strips on labor's automobiles!

BTC men wishing co-op apartments can request now

Names of persons interested in moving their families into the Winton Grove Apartment Homes in Hayward which the Building Trades Council is sponsoring should leave their names with BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers at the council office, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

This was brought up at the BTC meeting held recently when Dan Guzzi, Carpenters 1622, asked how the project was going. Childers said that some new papers were being made out to meet some of the technicalities involved in the FHA financing, but that persons interested should make their applications at once.

First choice goes to BTC members. Those buying in can move in for a down payment of \$487. Monthly payments will come to just \$109.15, which covers payment on principal, taxes, interest, all insurance, and full maintenance. The complete apartment sells for \$12,149 and carries an FHA mortgage at 5 1/4%.

HOUSING CODE

Childers was authorized to serve on the advisory committee to the State Legislative Committee working on the revision of the housing code.

APPRENTICE STAMP

BTC Secretary John Davy read a letter from Warren I. Cassidy, Idaho State director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, thanking the council for its adoption of a resolution endorsing the printing of a U. S. postage stamp on apprenticeship using a design originated in Idaho. The design shows the sun shining through the words: "Apprenticeship the Nucleus of Craftsmanship." The idea back of the design is that "as the sun is the nucleus of our solar system, apprenticeship is the nucleus of our craftsmanship."

Darrell H. Dorman, president

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18 cents per hour Laborers pay rise

Members of Laborers Local 304 as of May 1 received an 18-cent hourly wage increase across the board under the terms of the five-year contract with Associated General Contractors which expires in 1961. This brings a general laborer's pay up to \$3.045 per hour, with other classifications getting a still higher rate.

Secretary-Treasurer Paul Jones said that between 3000 and 4000 members are benefited in Alameda County.

Labor Council reaffirms stand on Un-Americans

The Central Labor Council at its meeting Monday reaffirmed the position it has taken in the past on the methods adopted by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The reaffirmation was made in view of the fact that the Un-Americans had a hearing in San Francisco scheduled for Thursday at which some 48 persons had been subpoenaed.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash reminded the delegates that last year the Un-Americans had planned to hold a hearing just as teachers were lining up renewals of their contracts, and then, after many protests had been made, called off the hearings, leaving the subpoenaed teachers dangling in presumed disrepute.

This year, too, he said, the Un-Americans were calling the hearing about the same time for teachers. Whatever good may be done by this House committee, he said, is to a great extent, at least, undone by the unconstitutional methods it uses, as does the Senate McClellan Committee, in letting unsubstantiated charges be publicized widely, with the accused having no adequate means of replying, and being given no opportunity to face their accusers.

When the motion was made to accept Ash's proposal that the previous stand of the council be reaffirmed, Joe Canale, Bartenders 52, said that speaking as a

veteran of World War II, and, he was sure, speaking for other such veterans whose faces he saw at the council meeting, he did not wish to go along with the motion.

The Un-American Activities Committee, said Canale, might do some damage to innocent persons but the methods of Soviet Russia were still worse, and we are engaged in a life and death struggle to prevent Communist conspirators from wrecking our democracy.

Ash replied that when former Congressman Velde was chairman of the House committee he had allowed a former Communist to testify that the 1946 general strike here was planned and operated by Communists, and when Ash had written asking for an opportunity to reply to this lie, Velde had never even given him the courtesy of a reply. The present chairman, Congressman Walter, had treated a letter from Ash as secretary of the council the same way, he said.

Canale suggested that instead of condemning the committee's methods, another letter should be sent to Walter.

The motion to reaffirm the previous stand carried without an audible dissenting vote.

Many church groups and other organizations known to have no sympathy with Communism have in the past few days published criticisms of Walter's group.

36 locals at pipe trade meet

Delegates from East Bay locals were back this week from a very successful convention of the California Pipe Trades Council at which representatives from 36 Steamfitter and Plumber locals were present in San Francisco at the Jack Tar Hotel for three days last week.

Three District Councils were represented in addition to the locals. There were six delegates from Plumbers 444 here, and six from Steamfitters 342. The total of 144 delegates represented a membership of 28,000.

James Martin, Steamfitters 342, was reelected secretary-treasurer of the California Council.

Among the dozen resolutions adopted was one raising the per capita from the present six cents to seven cents. This would give the local or locals sponsoring the next convention the sum of \$2500 with which to meet expenses. The place of the next convention has not been chosen, but it will be in Southern Cali-

fornia somewhere, as the meeting place alternates between the two ends of the State.

Among the distinguished speakers were William O'Neill, general secretary of the United Association; William Dodd, executive vice president of it; and James Schoemann, in charge of apprenticeship and training of journeymen for the UA.

Ed Rogers, Pomona, was elected president; Tom Ramsey of Ventura and Ray North of Santa Ana, Southern California district vice presidents; Joe Mazzola of San Francisco and William Francis of Sacramento were reelected Northern California district vice presidents.

Delegates from this general area, in addition to those from Oakland, came from locals in San Francisco, Richmond, Marysville, Fresno, Vallejo, Santa Cruz, San Jose, San Mateo, Salinas, Chico, and Redding, in addition to delegates from District Council 36.

'Low primary vote means defeat for labor November 8'

Re-elect **GEORGE P. MILLER**.
Re-elect **COHELAN**.

Bumper strips containing those message were available at the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week to be taken in the desired quantities by those willing to see to it that the strips got onto the car bumpers of labor people and all others interested in the reelection of liberal Congressmen.

Those living in the 7th Congressional District will use the Cohelan strips. Those living in the 8th Congressional District will use the Miller strips.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash introduced the subject by saying that he was much concerned over the apathy with which many labor people are viewing the June 7 primary election.

In previous years, he pointed out, when crossfiling prevailed, everyone interested in getting a man elected or reelected realized that unless that man's supporters were active in the primary campaign there was danger that a crossfiling candidate of the opposing party might capture both nominations. But now many labor people make the mistake of thinking that there is nothing to worry about.

"But consider both Congressional Districts we're interested in," said Ash. "In the Eighth, there are two Republicans fighting it out for the nomination by that party. This gives a lot of publicity to the GOP and generates a lot of excitement, so that many Republicans will turn out to vote. Since there's no Democrat opposing Miller for the nomination there is little publicity for him, and there is a grave danger that few will go to the polls to vote for him in the primary."

Then when the figures are published the GOP vote will be high, and the one for Miller low, and bandwagon riders will figure

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Labor's COPE endorses Edward R. FitzSimmons in Assembly District 18

Edward R. FitzSimmons, attorney, residing at 853 Arlington Avenue, Berkeley, a Democrat, has been endorsed by the AFL-CIO Alameda County Council on Political Education and by the State COPE also for election as Assemblyman in the 18th Assembly District.

By error, this fact was not noted in the list of endorsed candidates published by East Bay Labor Journal.

HOW TO BUY

Driving season and gas bills

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

The driving season is here and so are the big gas bills. Cost of fuel ranks next to depreciation as the largest expense of car ownership. You'll pay more for gas this summer, especially because of increased gas taxes. The majority of states now tax gas at six cents or more per gallon. In fact, 13 states now tax at seven cents.

So you can see why car owners are arguing over how to get more mileage. Says Reader R.S.F.:

"I'm writing because you were cited by a fellow worker of mine regarding gas mileage. We had a dispute as to what steady speed a car would get its best mileage."

We hope the argument wasn't too hot because even experts differ a little. Generally, over 30 m.p.h. you start losing mileage. But the increase is not significant until you go over 40. If at 30 m.p.h. you get 21 m.p.g., then (typically) at 40 you get 20; at 50, 18; at 60, 16; at 70, 14.

That doesn't mean all cars will get the same mileage at these speeds, of course. Other factors affecting mileage are weight, engine compression ratio, condition of the car and driving habits.

A 3000-pound car gets 50 per cent more mileage than one weighing 4000, other factors equal. You can see why the new compact cars are running away with car sales this year. They're 2300 to 3000 pounds.

They don't provide quite as much mileage as some of the ads claim. But drivers' experiences so far indicate that they yield 19-26 m.p.g. for the manual-shift sixes, depending on weight.

A high compression ratio theoretically also helps engines get

more mileage out of gas. But the high-compression cars on the road generally are those loaded with gas-using extra accessories like automatic transmission and power steering. Too, over a certain ratio, generally 9 to 1 or higher, you need premium grade. Fortunately, octane ratings have been increased each year so that regular gas now rates as high as premium did in 1953.

Automotive engineers estimate that about 50 per cent of all cars on the road in 1960 will be satisfied with 91 octane gas. As the chart shows, regular gas now is well over 91 in most areas, and country-wide averages 92.4. Cars generally can get along with lower-octane than average in mountain country.

Also there is a higher octane of regular gas in the East and North Central states—due to strong competition in those areas.

What about private-brand gasolines sold at a price differential by some chains? Interesting testimony on this recently came out at Federal Trade Commission hearings. Sun Oil Co. told the FTC that the private-brand station is usually a low-cost chain operation which pays as much as three or four cents per gallon less than independent major dealers pay for gas of like grade and quality. In fact, this producer claimed the gas sold by private-brand dealers "is frequently purchased... from major suppliers and is the same as that sold under the brand name of such suppliers."

If that's true, it means the big refiners charge their own dealers more for gas than they do the private-brand chains.

Scientist on big mission

Some months ago while covering an energy resources conference in Denver a newsman noticed that one of the nation's top atomic scientists had a bulging briefcase that never left his side. Finally, the reporter asked the scientist, Dr. James L. Tuck, director of thermonuclear research at the Los Alamos laboratories in New Mexico, if he had a miniature nuclear reactor concealed in the briefcase.

"No," said the obliging Dr. Tuck. "It's part of my wife's vacuum cleaner. There is no repairman in Los Alamos and she insisted that I have it fixed in Denver."—United Mine Workers Journal.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

THE CATHOLIC DIGEST, which is often quoted because of its shrewd comments on family life, has lately reported a study showing that an angry man may push his fist into a pane of glass, but an angry woman will probably try to push one's face in.

The idea is that men are prone to direct their anger against inanimate objects, and women to vent their wrath on people.

Men are calmer on weekends, it seems, while women blow off steam on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

MEN AND WOMEN both, says the magazine, are most inclined to anger before meals, when they are tired and hungry; and mild marital spats usually occur before breakfast, violent ones before dinner.

It's all very interesting, but a little hard to figure out what to do about it. Of course, it might be a good idea to take careful note and see if you really are prone to feel violently angry before dinner. Then be extra careful at such a time.

MEN'S TENDENCY to take out on inanimate objects can make a man feel mighty foolish if he gives in to the tendency.

Any man knows this who remembers tearing the old-fashioned wall telephone out by the roots one time in a rage.

Then when Mr. Fixit came from the telephone company to put the thing back on the wall he said to the wife of the tearer-outer: "Lots of men do that."

Girls advised to be helpless

Ironical as it seems, girls allegedly are the reason boys do not have a chance to be chivalrous. According to Gail Lammersen, president of the student body at Marymount College, a women's school in Los Angeles, girls admittedly do not give young men an opportunity to open doors or perform simple acts of politeness.

"We girls are more to blame than the boys," she asserted. "We're too self-sufficient." Today's young man, dominated by his young female companion, becomes so confused by her self-sufficiency that he may forget to be gentlemanly. According to Miss Lammersen, a senior at the college, "If a young man insists on showing his good manners most girls become suspicious and ask themselves, I wonder what he's trying to prove?"

She suggests: "We should let our men be protective toward us and not be pals on an equal level."—New York Times.

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Happy hunting ground cited

If a man asks you to hop in his oomiak or some up for some kopiak, you'll know you're in Alaska or that he just came from there. Oomiak is the Alaskan word for the large Eskimo walrus-skin boat and kopiak the word for coffee, according to Robert G. Hart.

Mr. Hart is an energetic young man who recently returned from an Alaskan assignment for the United States Department of the Interior. Author of "McKay's Guide to Alaska," he is convinced that the forty-ninth state is Cupid's happy hunting ground and the answer to a single girl's prayer.

"There are so many more men than women that any girl is bound to be royally feted," Mr. Hart said in an interview.

The short summer season is the best time to visit the year-old state, Mr. Hart says. "June 21 is the longest day of the year and is celebrated with high hilarity. It's an ideal time for courting."—New York Times.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

TWO SMALL BOYS were caught smoking cigarettes in a neighbor's back yard. Their somewhat red-faced mother, in retrieving them, said:

"I'm afraid their parents don't set them a very good example."

The American Cancer Society, now pretty well convinced that heavy cigarette smoking is a contributing factor in cancer of the lung, has made studies in many high schools of the smoking habits of teenagers.

One of the things they have found is that regular smoking is high among teenagers in families where both parents are smokers, and lowest in families where neither parent smokes.

One mother who smoked allowed her young daughter a cigarette every time the kid asked for one, on the theory that if she knew she could have it, she wouldn't want it.

Well, it didn't work out that way. By the time this girl was 14 she was a confirmed chain smoker, snorting the smoke in and out her nostrils like a veteran.

Approach any high school at noon, or after school is dismissed, and watch the youngsters, boys and girls both, "light up" as soon as they are off the school grounds.

While the American Cancer Society and allied organizations have talked at high schools and put out literature, it is pretty difficult to impress any teenager with the idea that he may die of cancer if he doesn't stop smoking.

The fact is, the teenager doesn't think he is going to die of anything, ever! He feels immortal! That's as it should be, and if smoking is one of the things that "everybody" does, he is going to do it, even though most authorities on the subject are now convinced that smoking is a causative factor in cancer.

It would seem that the real campaign against smoking would have to be made among adults, the parents of teenagers. And especially the mothers.

For, like it or not, it is since women took to heavy smoking, that the youngsters have taken to it also.

Women may be entitled to equal rights with men in this, as in other privileges, but the fact remains that they still have more influence on the kids than men do.

Happy marriage

The secret of happy marriage is simple: just keep on being as polite to each other as you are to your best friends.—Robert Quillen.

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'Low primary vote means defeat for labor November 1'

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that Miller has no chance, and will either stay away from the polls or vote for Miller's opponent in the November election.

In the Seventh Congressional District, where Congressman Jeffery Cohelan is seeking reelection, if his supporters fail to turn out and vote in the primary and if the Republicans swarm out to vote for his opponent, Cohelan would go into the general election with the same kind of handicap just mentioned in connection with the Miller district, Ash said.

So he urged the widest possible use of the bumper strips. They are available now at the CLC office, 2315 Valdez Street.

Vince Burda, Barbers 134, asked why either Miller or Cohelan should be supported by labor when they voted for the final draft of the Landrum-Griffin Law. Ash replied that the AFLCIO legislative agent in Washington, Andy Biemiller, had in person appeared before the council some time ago, and stated flatly that the final vote on the amended law, which the AFLCIO had cooperated in amending to what extent was possible, was not held against Congressmen.

On the real fight, the one in the House, both Miller and Cohelan had stood firm for labor.

"Besides," added Ash, "if Miller and Cohelan had only on their whole record voted a mere 50% with labor, you can be sure that they would still be 100% better than their opponents in this election. But Miller and Cohelan didn't vote a mere 50% for labor. The only thing that can possibly be brought against them is that final vote on the L-G Law which the top AFLCIO does NOT hold against them."

Oakland woman praised as a devoted volunteer

Norma Currier of San Francisco Building Service Employees No. 47 has traveled from Oakland for the third year volunteering five to six hours daily for AFLCIO's COPE work.

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Editor, Labor Journal:

The business representatives of our union report to me that some of our members feel that the Portland newspaper strike is not being given enough attention in the East Bay Labor Journal. I know of Mr. Chaudet's feelings on this strike, and the implications it could hold in store for all of us in labor for I have heard him speak at the Council. Our union is quite concerned about the strike and have donated \$1,000.00 from the treasury, and have taken up a voluntary collection of over \$735.00 for the fight in the City of Roses, Portland.

I am sure that you must receive the literature that the Strike Committee publishes, but I am enclosing some in case you have not. These people in Portland need a boost for their morale, and I would appreciate our East Bay Labor Journal calling attention to their plight.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

An editorial published in East Bay Labor Journal some time ago, headed "The Biggest Little Strike," conveyed our editor's feelings about the strike to which Brother Sullivan refers. It was as follows:

Don't undersell to yourself the importance of the crisis in the newspaper field in Portland, Oregon. It is, as many have pointed out, a small strike in the number of persons involved, whether one is referring to the strikers or the strikebreakers,

Luce papers favor the Forand bill

WASHINGTON—Two of the nation's leading, conservative-oriented publications—Life Magazine and Business Week—have both endorsed the Forand bill principle of financing health care for the aged through the Social Security system.

In an editorial comment, Life declared that private voluntary plans "can never meet the whole need." It added that the "cheapest and most logical way" to provide needed health insurance "is by extending the existing system of Social Security."

Business Week asserted that "the voluntary approach simply will not do the job." Use of the Social Security system, said the magazine, "has the advantage of keeping old people from feeling that they are beggars."—AFLCIO News.

when it is compared with a great national industry strike. But it is by no means small, as again an increasing number of alert labor people are saying, when it comes to the significance of what is going on up there.

Strikebreakers are being brought in from all over the country—professional rats and scabs—to take the places of all those on strike and all those observing the picket line. The absentee owner of the once great Portland Oregonian, which is now a mere rusty link in a chain, is getting control of the other Portland paper, the Oregon Journal, at the same time he is showing how ruthless the onslaught upon labor in general seems destined to be in the near future.

The union of our editor, the Newspaper Guild, is of course involved in the strike, and like all our members in this area he is paying a monthly assessment for the support of the strike. So if the stories about the strike we've been publishing along haven't seemed adequate, it isn't for lack of our editor's interest in the matter.

Brother Sullivan's constructive criticism is appreciated, and should bring some results, as does all constructive criticism.

Wadler picketing to be intensified

The Wadler so-called milk depots which have been picketed for some time were visited by officers of the Central Labor Council this week, and CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash reported to the delegates that he saw women whom he knew to be members of union families passing the pickets to buy the milk sold at these "depots."

"With the record this man Wadler has of fighting unions," said Ash, "this can't go on as it has been going. Steps will be taken to make every union family with the area of any of these Wadler places aware of the situation."

CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx has been assigned by Ash to assist Food Clerks 870 in the matter. That local has been making a valiant effort to meet the difficult situation.

Airline unions renewing protest on strike pact

WASHINGTON—Six airline unions, in a renewed legal action, have petitioned the Civil Aeronautics Board to kill an expanded assistance pact by nine major U.S. airlines.—AFLCIO News.

Four Freedoms design for the FDR memorial?

WASHINGTON—The theme of the "Four Freedoms" has been suggested by Communications Workers President Joseph A. Beirne as the design for the proposed Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial in the nation's capital.—AFLCIO News.

Bakery & Confectionery Workers go on strike

Bakery & Confectionery Workers 119 struck big shops in Oakland Wednesday. It was believed the strike might spread all over the coast within a few days.

Herb Denk is business agent of the striking local here.

22 workers file Red Rooster claim

The recent closing of the Red Rooster restaurant, 519 - 17th Street, threw 22 culinary workers, cooks, bartenders, waitresses, and miscellaneous employees out of work.

On top of that, according to a complaint filed with the Labor Commissioner, the owners still owe wages, vacation pay, and health and welfare money to the workers, says Fran Childers, secretary-treasurer, Culinary Alliance 31.

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Glen Mohn and Harold Witcher came through their recent surgical ordeal in fine shape—I suppose they will be wanting to go to work next week.

Be alert! The next few meetings are Special and important — either show up or shut up.

It was reported in the Hayward paper that former member, George Howard, passed away of a heart attack at the age of 53. He was a maintenance painter for the Hayward Elementary School District.

Paul Cowans facing possible loss of left eye due to an ulcer—we wish the best for you, Paul. Be kind to one another.

Sheet Metal Snips

By AL ARELLANO

How many times has one heard the words, "Do you think money grows on trees" — well believe it or not, I have had the pleasure of seeing one and also had a chance to take a picture of same. This lovely tree, of which I have been promised a slip, is a wedding gift from the girls of the Sheet Metal Welfare and Pension Office to one of their co-workers, Miss Norman Aguiar. Miss Aguiar's wedding took place April 30 at St. Felicitas Church in San Leandro. Her fiancée was Ronald Rose.

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Miss Aguiar had been working for the Welfare Office for the past two years and will return to her job after a short honeymoon. We wish her a lot of good luck in her wedded life.

SUPPORT FEDERAL BILL S2643 & HR9070

Forty years ago Local 216's per capita tax to the International

Association was a mere \$13.60 per month. Bill Record was the Business Representative, F. W. De Lucchi was President. Today our per capita tax runs around \$1,100.00 per month, with a much larger membership and the cost of running a union spiralling because of greater legal costs and other new expenditures. It will take more money in the future to operate as an aggressive, successful organization.

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\$4000 is what she would now have, besides the car fully paid for. In case of either death or disability the loan would be paid off and his \$2000 would still be in his share account. In case of death it would be matched by insurance, giving his beneficiary \$4000. And his interest rate is lower than he could have obtained anywhere else.

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Union Carpenters have three in this county. If you are in 1158 see Ralph Henderson at the Berkeley Local meetings or call him at home LA 5-9697. Hayward members see John Dudick at 1622 meetings, or write Carpenters Federal Credit Union, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward.

All others call me anytime, day or night, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, at KE 3-3889.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

This union's delegates to the 40th convention of the California Pipe Trades Council will make their reports at our next membership meeting, which is a special called meeting for the purpose of action on the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the membership of Local Union 342 has grown in size to a point where previous years' records show that full employment for all members cannot be expected, and because of our brothers who do not receive full employment are existing on their savings, or small unemployment checks, and

WHEREAS, the payment of dues is a hardship because of lack of adequate income during this unemployed period, and

WHEREAS, the brother members in their many past years of affiliation with this local union have helped make possible the wages and conditions enjoyed by the more fortunate members engaged at the trade, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Local Union 342 recognize this debt of gratitude due to brothers, or any member who does not work for five (5) days in any month be excused from paying the working assessments, but shall pay the U. A. per capita tax and \$1.00 per month to Local Union No. 342 and \$1.00 per month for life insurance, plus any assessment, donation or fines duly levied by the membership of Local Union 342, or the United Association. To be eligible for these benefits, a member must have been available for work and in good standing for the previous year, and be it further

RESOLVED, that if approved, this resolution become Part "A" of Section 29, By-Laws, and that the present text of Section 29 become Section "B" of Section 29.

Painters Local No. 127

By MARVIN EDWARDS

At the Special Called meeting of Monday evening, the members present voted to accept the changes in the local's by-laws, the changes in the District Council by-laws, and minor changes in the agreement. There was a good turnout.

There will be no meeting of the local this Thursday due to the special meeting this week.

Remember the important meeting of the 26th. We will be nominating officers of the local for the coming two years. There are approximately 20 positions to be filled, counting officers and delegates to central bodies. Many of you have indicated to me that you would take a more active part in your union. Now is your chance to do so. We need

a broad representation of the membership running the affairs of the union.

The tight money policies continue to plague the building trades. New construction is slow and work is not picking up as fast it should for this time of year.

All building trades representatives are bending their best efforts towards getting government approval of more FHA commitments for new home construction to ease the situation. Our Congressmen inform us that they receive very little mail from members and that this is important in supporting a requested program.

So, the best thing you can do to help yourself is get a letter off to your Congressman telling him what action you want him to take on issues vital to you.

Your individual letter is more important than you might realize, and that's straight from the Congressman's mouth.

There will be no increase in dues for the next year, per vote of the District Council.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARC.

To err is human, to forgive is Divine. So Divine 1304 members, forgive that booboo of mine.

We reported in the Journal that Ed Reith, Director of Alameda County COPE, would appear at our May 5th meeting. Sorry, Ed is scheduled for May 19th. This gives our members another chance to attend a meeting. Isn't that nice?

We had a fine meeting on May 5th. President Bob Smith kept the filibustering to a minimum, and we adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Delegates Jack Long, Dave Arca, Ernie Perry, Bob Smith and Lloyd Ferber, reported on the Steelworkers Conference. Members who do not attend meetings, may not know that the above Delegates paid their own expenses to the Conference.

This Delegate wanted the Steelworkers in District No. 38, which includes 12 Western States, to support our Pabco members in our dispute with the Company. We are gratified with the unanimous vote in support of our Resolution. Joe Angelo, Director of Sub-District No. 3, made a fine presentation of facts and incidents involved in our Lockout.

Sure Glad Joe's on our side.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

As we reported to you previously, all the new agreements have been signed as of April 5, and after checking we are satisfied that the new wage rates are being paid in accordance with the agreement.

This may be a strange way of leading up to telling you that I am going to take a week's vacation, but be that as it may, I will be out of the office the week of May 9. By the time you read this my vacation will be almost over and it is possible there will be no column the following week. Nevertheless the union office will be operating as usual.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

The list at 36 is down quite a bit this week. We have about 210 on it as of Tuesday noon. It went well over 300 last Friday. Job calls seem to be picking up some also.

There will be a special meeting next Friday night to nominate one Trustee and such other regular business as may come up. Elections on this are next month. See notice for date and don't forget.

I have heard several stories some fair to good but none fit to print and that is a bunch of building tradesmen for you. Ask me and I will tell 'em to you When I see you on the jobs and so on.

Machinists Auxiliary

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

First May meeting called to order by President Eleanor Noell. It was a very pleasant meeting even though there were not too many in attendance to enjoy it. Our next meeting will be our birthday party. Be sure to mark May 19 on your calendar so you won't forget to be there.

President Eleanor reports on May 13 for surgery and hospitalization. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Sister Catherine Heino, who now resides in Stockton, writes to Sister Dixon that she will enter the hospital for major surgery in the very near future. Our best wishes for her too.

Sisters Eva Hare and Ethel Andrews who have both been very ill, are both reported to be recovering slowly but surely.

Sister Isabel Helmuth has not been too well lately but reports she is better and we hope to see her at the birthday party. She and Organizer Eva Gallaher are our only charter members and it would not be a real birthday party without those two.

Sister Marie Dixon reports that Brother Chris is not recovering from that minor surgery that he had a month ago as he should. That's no way to do, Chris. We hope he will soon be kicking up his heels to dance the highland fling.

Sister Myrtus Neyhouses was our only member to attend the Richmond birthday as most of the rest of us were unable to go due to serving the Machinists 284 dinner. I understand we missed a very nice time.

Also Sister Myrtus was the only one to represent our auxiliary at the opening installation of the new San Mateo auxiliary.

We were very happy to welcome back to our group Sister Jean Lawrence, who for reasons resigned a couple of years ago.

The Past Presidents motored over to San Francisco to Sister Nellie Blanford's home for a delicious fried chicken dinner after which we all went to the Gay Nineties for entertainment. We had a pleasant evening. Next meeting will be at Sister Marie Dixon's.

Keep your eye out for the union label bug.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

There will be a Special Order of Business at our next regular meeting, Tuesday, May 17, 1960 to elect ten (10) delegates and two (2) alternates to attend the Grand Lodge Convention at St. Louis, Mo., in September, 1960.

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m. the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

NOTICE, ALL MEMBERS!

Please be advised of the following action taken at a regular meeting of Clerks and Lumber Handlers Union Local No. 939, held on Friday, April 22, 1960.

In the future the East Bay Labor Journal will be known as the official medium for notifying the membership of Local No. 939 of all Special and Important meetings, also Regular meetings.

Regular meetings will be held on the fourth Friday of each month in the Labor Temple, until further notice.

Fraternally yours,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1158

Special Meeting—There will be a Special Called meeting May 16, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. at Finnish Hall at 1970 Chestnut Street. In addition to the order of business, the special order will be nomination of one trustee. The election will be on June 20, 1960, same time, same place.

Fraternally yours,
NICK AFDAMO,
Recording Secretary

S. F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at 410 - 11th Street Bldg., Oakland, California on Sunday afternoon, May 15, 1960 at 1:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
HORACE W. STAFFORD,
Secretary

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AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

Please be advised that the next meeting of Local Union 1176 to be held May 17 at 2315 Valdez Street is a special called meeting to vote on new bylaws of this local union as well as on Painters District Council 16 bylaws.

At this meeting there will also be nominations for one trustee.

Negotiations with the East Bay Motorcar Dealers have progressed to a point where there will be a full report on this matter.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

CARPENTERS 36

You are requested to attend a special called meeting, Friday, at 8:00 p.m., May 13, 1960, at 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, California, for the nomination of a trustee (three year term).

This will be followed thirty days later with the election of a Trustee (three year term) Friday at 8 p.m., at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th St., Oakland, California with the polls open from 12 noon to 10:00 p.m., June 17, 1960.

There will be no meeting Friday, May 27, 1960 as it is the Memorial Day week-end.

Stewards will meet Thursday at 8:00 p.m., May 19, 1960.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. May 25, 1960.

All meetings will be held at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

NOMINATION NOTICE

Friday, May 20, 1960, 8:00 p.m. Hall C (First Floor), 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Candidates for the offices of local union president, vice president, recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer, guard, board of trustees (3 members) and executive board (5 members) will be nominated from the floor.

ELIGIBILITY . . . Article III, Section 4 (a). He shall have been in continuous good standing for 24 months immediately preceding the election.

(b) He must have attended at least one-half of the regular meetings of his Local Union for 24 months prior to the election, unless his Union activities or working hours prevented his attendance.

Thank you.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Nominations of candidates to local union offices of president, vice president, recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer, guide, guard and three trustees. Also nominations of candidates for grievance committeemen and chief shop stewards will be made at the May 14th regular business meeting.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters 444 will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 1960 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Calif., at 8:00 p.m.

1. Regular order of business.

2. Monday, May 30 will be a holiday.

3. Edward Reith, director of the Alameda County Council on Political Education, will address the meeting for COPE.

We will be having a very interesting speaker for the evening. Therefore you should make every effort to attend the meeting and be prompt.

Fraternally yours,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Business Manager &
Financial Sec.-Treas.

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

SPECIAL NOTICE: Attention, Members!

At the special called meeting Monday, May 9, the members present voted to make the next meeting date Thursday, May 26, 1960. This will be a special meeting to nominate officers and delegates for your local for the next two years.

There was a good turnout for the last special meeting, and hope to see more at the next special meeting May 26.

Fraternally,
ED GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

On Friday, May 20, there will be a special meeting following the regular meeting. At the special meeting officers of Local 1178 will be nominated, and delegates to our affiliates, to be elected later. The date of the election will be announced later.

Yours fraternally,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

PAINT MAKERS 1101

Nominations for the following offices will be held at the Regular Meeting May 17, 1960.

Business manager (financial secretary-treasurer), to serve for a 3 year term; 1 trustee, to serve for a 3 year term; warden, to serve for a 1 year term (to finish unexpired term); 1 trustee, to serve on the health and welfare and pension trusts. To be nominated from members covered by the union plans.

Elections for these offices will be held June 21, 1960.

Date: May 17, 1960; Time: 8:00 p.m.; Place: Hall "C" Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

Fraternally yours,
EDWARD MORGAN,
Recording Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

Local 371 welcomes all you new members: R. E. Kipp, Chester Higgs, J. D. Gray, N. M. Martin, Ed Glazier. We will be looking forward to your attendance at our next regular meeting, on May 14, 1960.

Fraternally yours,
A. ROBERTSON,
Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our regular meeting of Friday, May 14, 1960 has been cancelled.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ELECTION. To elect one Trustee and Delegates of Local 1622, will be held Friday, June 10, 1960 at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward. The polls will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for voting. The Trustee office will be a 3 year term. The delegates will be to the California State Council of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, the California State Federation of Labor, AFLCIO, the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County and the Alameda County COPE.

Regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m. at the Labor Temple unless otherwise specified. A Stag Social for members will follow the May 27 meeting.

Commencing with the month of May the Alameda County Blood Bank mobile unit will be stationed at the Labor Temple every 3rd Monday. Hours from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. each month until further notice. The public is invited and asked to donate blood for this worthy cause.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

COPE, 13TH A. D.

The 13th Assembly District COPE meets every second Wednesday at 696 B Street (upstairs), Hayward, at 8:30 p.m. Executive Board meets at 7:30 p.m. Please note time changes.

Union members who are also affiliated with the Central Labor Council or the Building or Metal Trades Councils are invited to attend and join the 13th AD COPE. Wives are also urged to join. Dues are \$3.00 per year for members and 60¢ additional for spouse.

The need for workers during this election year is profound. Labor needs help in government more than ever before. Stand up and be counted now.

Fraternally,
JO EDWARDS,
Secretary-Treasurer
13th A. D. COPE

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

NOTICE!

June 2, 1960 has been designated as a special called meeting for the purpose of voting by secret ballot on the application of our 25¢ increase, due under our collective bargaining agreement.

It is very important that you attend this meeting.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES H. MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y., Bus. Mgr.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, May 19th, 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m. COPE Director Ed Reith will address the meeting. Please attend.

Nominations for 1304 officers on June 2nd. Elections June 16th. All offices are open.

Fraternally,
D. ARCA,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWInoaks 3-1120.

Business combine opposing schools wins, San Leandro

The Manufacturers Association and the Chamber of Commerce anti-school forces won in the San Leandro election Tuesday by a ratio of 1.6 to 1.

The proposal to increase the school tax by 82 cents, which was strongly backed by labor, was defeated by a vote of 5,172 NO to 3,183 YES.

Out of the 23,074 registered voters, only 8,355 cast their ballots. Even so, this was slightly better voter interest than was shown in the last school election in San Leandro, in 1957.

Both the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council had endorsed the tax increase as the only possible means of insuring the children of the city proper educational facilities and service.

Machinists Local 1518 and United Auto Workers 1031 had been especially active in support of the tax increase, and had issued a statement:

"Standing up to be counted against the Manufacturers Association and the Chamber of Commerce, our membership is unanimous in support of the increase in the school tax."

John Stevens, president of the San Leandro Teachers Union, said that "free public education has been supported by organized labor and fought by reactionary elements in management for 150 years."

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Teamsters 70 hold election; Sweeney is made secretary

Teamsters 70, in balloting Friday and Saturday of last week at the big union's headquarters, 826 West Street, Oakland, re-elected Cy Stulting as president, and elected Jack Sweeney secretary-treasurer. There was special interest in the secretary-treasurer's post, held for many years by Frank A. DeMartini, who recently retired.

Stulting defeated William Simpson and Al Mooney for the presidency.

Sweeney in the race for secretary-treasurer defeated William Rodgers and R. Nemy.

Ray Blasquez was elected vice president, defeating M. Dillie Jr.

Larry Pyne was elected recording secretary, defeating J. Brammell and M. Cuenca.

The following three trustees were elected: Walter Earl, Alex Leishman, and Earl Platt. Other candidates for this office were: Z. Rocha, V. Moniz, H. Ford, H. Barber, E. Clifford, Gordon Soucie, Ed William.

Two dispatchers elected were James Murphy and Ray Parker. Other candidates were M. Morrelli and D. J. Rodriguez.

There were 31 candidates for the 10 posts as business agents. Formerly there were 6 business agents, but the growth of the local, one of the largest Teamster locals in the country, caused the setting up of 4 additional posts.

The ten elected as business agents were: Joe Arino, Robert Decker, Theodore Kaufman, Charles Lippold, Alfred Maderos, James Marshall, Clarence Meyer, Thomas Nunes, Angelo Pandolfi, Joe Sawyer.

Other candidates for business agent were: B. M. Barnett, George Marshall, E. DeCosta, V. Aloise, H. Bashford, M. Bigenho, J. Carvalho, Don Costa, W. Fagundes, Sam Genco, William R. Gentry, Sil Giovanelli, J. Louisa, Chester McFarland, James Moniz, Ed Painter, Joe Tavis, T. J. Thornton, H. White, W. Abood, and M. Oliver.

The election committee was composed of William Botelli, Al Bernardo, J. Gilbert, R. Freitas, G. McCabe, and R. Crowdon.

Nominations were made March 27 in the auditorium of the Oakland High School, with a large proportion of the 7100 members of the local present.

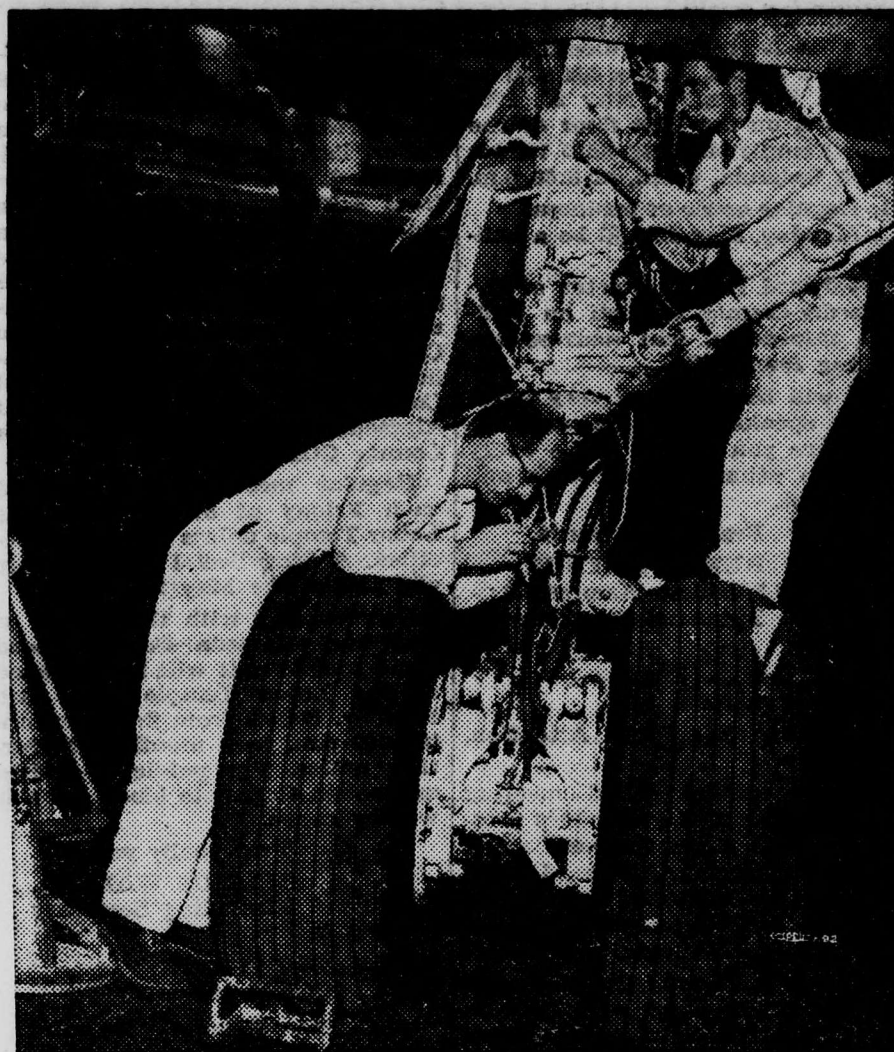
Committee named for Memorial Day

John J. F. Mahoney, past department commander of the United Spanish War Veterans, is the 160 general chairman of the Memorial Day committee that will coordinate the programs for the services that will be held in the various resting places in Alameda County for the honored military dead.

Assisting Mahoney will be May G. Woodman, secretary; Marie Ensberg, Ed. Kilmartin, George Lee, Stella Pruss, Rev. Mr. Deane, Edward Holsworth, Dan McCarthy, Verne Jackson, August Taylor, Elenor Booth, Arthur Weeks, M. Ethel Kubly, Marie Studen and Jim Pearson. Memorial Day is Monday, May 30.

Social workers give auto worker merit award

DETROIT—Andrew W. Brown, assistant director of the Auto Workers' Community Services Department, has been named by the Detroit-Metropolitan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers to receive the seventh Award of Merit for 1959.—AFLCIO News.



NEW JOURNEYMAN MECHANIC David Larsen, right, a recent graduate of the joint apprenticeship program of the Machinists and United Air Lines, works with veteran Aircraft Inspector Walter Pless on the landing gear of a huge jet "mainliner."

More letters on Forand Bill urged by AFLCIO leader

"Your letters help" is the heading placed over an urgent appeal to all labor people sent out by Western Area Director Margaret Thornburgh of the COPE Women's Activities Division, as follows:

The letters that you and your friends are sending to Congress asking support for the Forand Bill are helping. Thanks to your efforts, some of the Members in Congress who were blocking any action on medical care for the aged are backing down on their opposition.

The volume of mail has been so great that our lawmakers know that this is one of the major problems before the country and the public is demanding that something be done to help our "Senior Citizens".

Now, what we still have to do is to keep up the letters so that we can get the best parts of the Forand Bill without it being cut down by compromises.

You and your friends and your family should continue to write your Congressmen and your Senators and insist that they vote for the Forand Bill without any changes. Did you know that there are now more than 16 million Americans over 65 and their number is increasing each year? This means that a great many of these people need close medical attention. If they do not have the means, or if their families cannot afford the cost, they are left helpless and in pitiful condition.

Speaking of families, millions of young Americans are struggling not only to make a living for themselves, but they have the added burden of older relatives to look after. The Forand Bill will help these persons to get some financial relief by providing more funds and more facilities to look after the elderly people who are the victims of circumstances over which they have no control.

That is why it is so important that we don't stop writing, writing, writing to Congress until victory is won for the Forand Bill.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Bay Area workers paid less than \$1

In this land of prosperity hundreds of thousands of American workers—many right here in the Bay Area—are being illegally paid less than \$1 per hour, though they are covered by Federal minimum wage laws.

The Federal Wage-Hour Law, administered under the Fair Labor Standards Act, sets \$1 per hour as the minimum wage and time-and-a-half for overtime based on the employee's regular rate for time worked in excess of a 40-hour week. This is for all persons working in jobs covered by the act, which takes in some 24,300,000 workers out of the total U.S. civilian labor force of 65,500,000.

The U.S. Department of Labor has cited instances, mostly in the southern states, where wages as low as 35 and 40 cents per hour were paid. Investigations for the fiscal year 1959 revealed a total minimum wage underpayment of \$22,403,116, involving 177,908 workers throughout the country.

The Labor Department reported minimum wage underpayments in the amount of \$32,469 for the San Francisco-Oakland field office districts, which include all of northern California and Nevada, for 1959. A shortage in overtime compensation for the area totaled \$517,742 only a slight decrease over the figure of the previous year.—Dept. of Labor.

Business fakeries are cited by labor press

WASHINGTON—Payola, sick chicks, cancer in cosmetics, watered oysters, concealed credit charges and shortweighted meats are among the recent marketplace scandals which should spur labor and consumer groups into a drive for effective consumer legislation, the AFLCIO has declared.—AFLCIO News.

Ladies Garment Workers aiding Negroes' drive

NEW YORK—The Ladies Garment Workers' Dress and Waist Makers Joint Board has contributed \$5,000 to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to help continue the legal challenge against racial discrimination in all phases of American life.—AFLCIO News.

Governor is for Forand type bill

Governor Edmund G. Brown has urged Congress to approve a "medical and hospital plan for citizens over 65, based on the insurance principles of the Social Security Act and allowing a free choice in a selection of individual care."

In letters to United States Senator Clair Engle and Representative Harry Sheppard, Democratic chairman of the state's congressional delegation, the Governor asked for action in the current session of Congress.

"The state government is already taking substantial action to help meet the needs of the aged," he wrote. "I believe there is an additional responsibility which the Federal government must face within the framework of the Social Security Act for this same group."

The Governor said he found the Forand medical care bill now before Congress "sound in principle," although subject to improvement and modification.

He criticized the Administration for asking for more time to study the problem, terming that "a strange request for an Administration which has had seven years to ponder it."

The Governor also observed that Vice President Nixon seems similarly indifferent and that "the sudden proposal of eight G.O.P. Senators for a 'voluntary' program is a sham which would neglect those most in need."

FEPC member will speak, Democratic Women's luncheon

Mrs. Carmen Warschaw, a member of the State Fair Employment Practices Commission and women's vice chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, will be featured speaker at a "Spring Salad Bar Luncheon" to be held at Lakeside Park's new Garden Center in Oakland, on Wednesday noon, May 18, according to Mrs. Richard Diamant, chairman. A trained social worker, Mrs. Warschaw has also served on the State Board of Social Welfare.

Democratic legislators, candidates and party officials have been asked to serve as hosts at tables throughout the room, and guests will seat themselves, thus taking advantage of the opportunity to become better acquainted with their party leaders.

The luncheon is sponsored by the Democratic Women of Alameda County, representing state and county central committees, and local clubs.

Committees include: Reception, Mrs. John King, Mrs. Abe Brumer, Mrs. Osborne Pearson; Programs, Mrs. George Malone; Decorations, Mrs. William Creque and Miss Kimi Fujii; Publicity, Mrs. Dallace Ogilvie and Mrs. Martin Huff; Treasurer, Mrs. Lucile Jones; Tickets, Mrs. Henry Hoseney and Mrs. Harry Whiteside.

Tickets, at \$1.25, may be obtained from Mrs. Hoseney at 2733 Alcatraz, Berkeley, or by phoning OL 5-4456, LO 9-1776, or OL 6-0791.

Cincinnati accepting bargaining principle

CINCINNATI—District Council 51 of the State, County and Municipal Employees has won union recognition from the City of Cincinnati, the first council-manager city of major size to accept the collective bargaining principle.

A one-year pact recognizes the union as bargaining agent for some 3,800 city employees. The unit excludes police and firefighters and certain other classifications.—AFLCIO News.

Children's teeth declared helped by fluoridation

"If there were a more efficient and effective means of preventing dental decay in our children's teeth than fluoridation, your local health department, along with the medical and dental professions, would be supporting it. There is no other or more effective method as a public health measure to prevent tooth decay than the fluoridation of our drinking water."

This was the opinion of John B. Benedikson, D.D.S., an authority on fluoridation, in a panel discussion held at the Lockwood School, Oakland, regarding proposition C, the fluoridation of the East Bay Municipal Utility District's water supply, which appears on the June 7 ballot.

Members of the panel, which was moderated by Frank Fields, D.S.C., were Dr. Benedikson, Susan Danielson, M.D., of the Oakland Public Schools system, and Mrs. Robert W. Hill, Alameda Contra Costa Citizens Committee for Dental Health, Inc., committee member, San Leandro.

"Fluoridation of drinking water as a dental health measure has been known for over 70 years," said Dr. Benedikson. "It has been tested and studied more thoroughly than any other public health measure, and has been proven beyond a shadow of a doubt to be safe and to eliminate dental cares as much as 65 per cent in children."

Automation theme of an IAM leader

IAM General Secretary-Treasurer Elmer E. Walker spoke before the second annual Kentucky State Apprenticeship and Training Conference. His topic was "Automation, Sputniks and Apprenticeship Training." Here are excerpts:

Too many employers are too indifferent toward apprentice training. They always figure they can get the craftsmen they need by pirating them from someone else. They are kidding themselves.

And they are doing the future of apprentice training in this country a great disservice. The conscientious and understanding employer who devotes his attention, service and his financial assistance to training a lad into craftsmanship over a tortuous period of four years, only to lose him to some stupid, but over-rich corporation for a buck or two an hour more, begins to lose his interest in training apprentices.

The U.S. Bureau of Apprenticeship reported recently on a startling decline in the number of apprentices during the year 1959. Early in 1958 there were 186,000 apprentices registered in all trades. A year later the number had dropped to 177,600. The low point occurred on July 1, 1959, when only 173,800 apprentices were registered.

The situation revealed by these statistics is serious enough under present-day conditions. It is even more serious in its implications for the future.

Screen Extra Guild head reelected two to one

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Pres. Jeffrey Sayre of the Screen Extras Guild defeated John Rice, his opponent in the annual election of the guild, by better than two to one, it was announced on completion of the tabulation of secret mail ballots by a certified public accountants firm. Sayre received 962 votes to 431 for Rice and led the entire Guild administration ticket to victory.—AFLCIO News.

Anti-bias pickets joined by labor at 2 dime stores

Members and officers of the Central Labor Council began on Saturday of last week to reinforce the anti-segregation picket line lines on Kress, and Woolworth stores. Following is the text of the resolution adopted at the council meeting May 2, as previously reported in East Bay Labor Journal, and by the 17th Assembly District COPE:

WHEREAS, The refusal of many lunch counters in the South to serve Negroes is a violation of American Democracy; and

WHEREAS, The lunch counters are often part of national chains, which spread across the entire face of America, and which therefore have a responsibility to the nation as a whole which should over-ride their retreat before the forces of prejudice in the South; and

WHEREAS, The AFLCIO, nationally and in Alameda County, supports the achievement of equal rights for all Americans regardless of race, religion or national origin; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Alameda County Central Labor Council goes on record in support of the demonstrations which are taking place in California to call attention to the discriminatory practices of the nation-wide Variety and Lunch Counter Chains; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge our affiliates to support the demonstrations in this area; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on the managers of branches of Woolworth's Kress' and the other stores in this area to notify their national organization about the concern of labor and the general community here in Alameda County.

Carey warns nation is moving toward recession

WASHINGTON—The nation is moving toward another recession, and it may be worse than that of 1958 because of today's high levels of joblessness, Sec. Treas. James B. Carey of the AFLCIO Industrial Union Department has warned—AFLCIO News.

Time study being used to cut workers' pay

WASHINGTON — A warning that time study, wage incentive and job evaluation "schemes" are being used by management to "reduce legitimate collective bargaining gains," was sounded by AFLCIO Sec.-Treas. William F. Schnitzler as he issued a call to the 1960 AFLCIO Industrial CIO News.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

85-CENT-AN-HR. CLERKS ALL RICH, HAVE 2 CARS

A Michigan store owner tells a House subcommittee that there is no need to extend the minimum wage because none of his employees "ever starved" on pay of less than \$1 an hour. Perhaps not, if they can buy enough fatback and carrots. And an Illinois retailer says that most store clerks don't have to work and that "these are the people mostly responsible for the so-called two-car family. He admits he doesn't know if any of his workers, who start at 85 cents an hour, have two cars. He obviously means that their low wages are responsible for the two cars store owners drive.—COPE.

Jody Kerrigan to her home islands

Jody Kerrigan, a business representative of Culinary Alliance 31, left Sunday on the Matsonia for a three-week vacation in Hawaii, where she was born and has many friends and relatives.

Fran Childers, Culinary Alliance 31 secretary-treasurer, had hoped to be able to go with her, but the pressure of business on her desk was so great that at the last moment she canceled her plan.

Jody Kerrigan came to the East Bay as a child, and hasn't been back since to the island of her birth, so she is looking forward to the jaunt with special pleasure. She has been a business agent for Alliance 31 for the past four years, and before that as a dispatcher for two years.

Labor movement is true brotherhood, says Meany

ATLANTIC CITY—"The labor movement is a brotherhood—a brotherhood of workers. Surely it cannot set its face against the brotherhood of man."

AFLCIO Pres. George Meany, with these words, told the Jewish Labor Committee that organized labor cannot compromise on "the issue of civil rights, of equal opportunity."

"I say that if we have to practice discrimination to organize workers," Meany declared, "then organization will have to wait until we educate the unorganized."—AFLCIO News.

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of the Idaho State AFLCIO, has been active in pressing for the adoption of the stamp. Members of Congress are being asked for support of the proposal.

DON'T PATRONIZE

J. H. Hagan, concrete contractor, was placed on the We Don't Patronize list of the council on the recommendation of the Board of Business Agents, as was Jim Elliott, also a concrete contractor.

UC NEGOTIATIONS

A letter from the University of California was read and it was voted to have a copy of it sent to each affiliated local union with members working at UC and to have the council's com-

mittee on the subject continue negotiating with the university on the disability insurance program.

ILWU ABOUT MORSE

A letter from Richard Lyden, secretary of ILWU Warehouse Local 6, independent, was noted, which was accompanied by a five-page mimeographed text of the speech Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon made before the State Council of Carpenters recently.

Lyden's letter argued that "by implication, Senator Morse seems to be directing attention to a new (just recently recognizable) political phenomenon in American life: the anti-labor liberal." Lyden proceeded to express some of his well known opinions on matters political and

economic, declaring that there are "many working men and women who already have made up their minds, quite without prompting, that politics is a skin-game run by grifters, and that their organizations should quit aiding and abetting the great biennial double-cross." Filed.

Paper & pulp minimum wage of \$1.83 is asked

WASHINGTON—Union representatives have asked Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell to set \$1.83 an hour as the minimum wage under the Walsh-Healey Act for workers in the paper and pulp industry.—AFLCIO News.

meet Howard Searby

New service lines are built faster nowadays by Howard Searby and his crew. Howard's secret: Preassembled cross-arms for power poles. Each cross-arm, complete with insulators and bracing, used to be put together in the field by the line crew. Now, with cross-arms prefabricated in our service centers, linemen can set poles and string power lines more easily and at less cost. It's another money-saving efficiency that enables us to provide for \$1 the same gas and electricity that cost \$1.28 elsewhere.*

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The timorous warrior and the valiant sit-ins

As reported in our issue of last week, the Central Labor Council of Alameda County has endorsed the orderly demonstrations against chain stores which practice segregation at their lunch counters in the Old South, and has approved the conducting of such demonstrations in this area.

In how many other communities the central labor bodies have taken this action is something that isn't known at the moment. But certainly the national AFL-CIO has spoken clearly in its official publication, the AFL-CIO News. That paper in an editorial April 30, after commenting on the piddling civil rights bill which was the mouse the mountain of Congress brought forth, goes on to predict:

"The civil rights climate will change. The current sit-in demonstrations are indicative that the Negro no longer will tolerate second-rate citizenship."

The AFL-CIO News very properly calls attention to the fact that the six-year-old Supreme Court decision on school integration "has been subverted and outflanked because the executive branch of the government, which pressed for the decision, failed to provide leadership necessary to translate the court decision into an active policy."

It's polite to call him "the executive branch of the government," but we prefer to name him flatly as General Eisenhower, the timorous warrior, the man who ran from the late Senator McCarthy, and who in all these six years since the decision has never had the guts to come out emphatically and say he was glad the court made that decision.

May teachers talk?

The Classroom Teacher, published by the AFL-CIO Federation of Teachers, raises a good question:

"When every conceivable segment of American society is leveling broadsides at education, must the opinion of the man and woman in the classroom—an opinion to which more consideration might be given for obvious reasons—be strangled by the very institution it seeks to improve?"

The question is raised in connection with the case of Jack Owens, dismissed from his job as a teacher in the Lassen Junior College because he wrote and had published some letters on the state of education in the area. The school administration turned to the company union, the California Teachers Association, for help, and Owens' conduct was declared "unprofessional."

It may be constitutional to exercise the right of free speech in America, but now it's "unprofessional."

Anti-smog inhalers

In Paris a company is setting up booths into which a gas-inhaling smog-suffering citizen may enter, drop a franc in the slot, and breathe in some oxygen mixed with pine scent.

This should be a warning to us ordinary folk not to pay too much attention to the carefully documented and statisticated yawps and yipes which the big interests raise every time an effort is made to control the smog which their plants produce.

Incidentally, it should remind us ordinary folk, too, that when we are required, as we soon may be, to pay something for smog-controllers on our automobiles we shouldn't be knocked over by surprise.

We should make sure that we aren't being gypped on the price of smog-controlling devices, but by all means let's assume that what's happening in Paris indicates the condition we're all going to be in if things keep going as they now are.

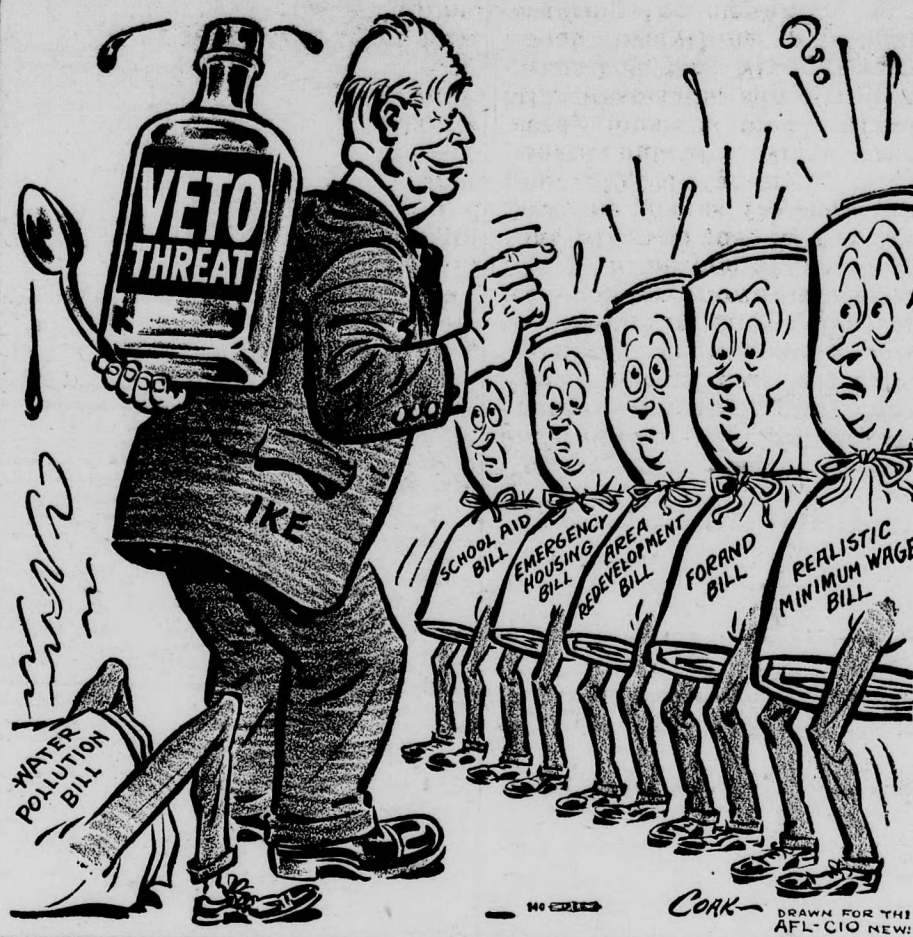
Strike insurance

At the recent gathering of members of the American Newspaper Publishers Association in New York it was announced that publishers reporting to the association said they planned to spend \$92 million for plant expansion and modernization this year. That doesn't exactly look as though the newspaper publishers expect to go broke.

Meanwhile, the publishers who belong to ANPA are sending out notices that July 1 is the time to subscribe to or to renew the strike insurance policies which have been such a help to the publishers of the Portland Oregonian and Oregon Journal in their scab-importing activities.

And still another meanwhile: Unions which have always clung to complete autonomy before are seriously discussing combining to form "one big union" to face the newspaper publishers.

'Say Ah!'



HAT WORKER'S EDITOR SAYS: DON'T BE DULL!

J. C. Rich, editor of the Hat Worker, one of the liveliest and least dull workers at his craft, tells in this excerpt from one of his recent articles of a remarkable discovery he has made—that union members are people:

The weekly AFL-CIO News performs a magnificent task in supplying union publications with news, photographs, cartoons, columns, articles and similar features to spark up the reading content of our papers. The semi-cooperative Press Associates, Inc., also provides an excellent service. The International Labor Press Association, the press auxiliary of the AFL-CIO, also makes stabs in this direction, although its main concern, I judge, is to keep the labor papers honest rather than interesting.

If our labor papers only used this syndicated material, much of it for free or at very moderate cost, half the battle of communication with our public would be won. I'll confess that I myself fail to take advantage of the syndicated supplies but that's because of a crazy notion of mine that as editor I owe an obligation to my paper and my craft to contribute something of our own to the paper of my union. The trouble with many labor papers is that they don't even use scissors and paste pot with imagination and skill. The result is that we get any number of publications that are dull, stodgy and unreadable. Taken in toto, the labor press has an enormous circulation. How many readers it has is something else again.

This smudgy, lackluster content of our papers constitutes, it seems to me, an atrocious disservice both to the unions directly affected and to the labor movement as a whole. I can't blame it all on the editors. The major part of the fault devolves on the top leaders of our unions. Very few of them have the skill of the time necessary to produce a paper that has to meet deadlines. Fewer still have sufficient innate modesty to recognize their limitations as editors and give a good professional's head. I myself am a lucky exception, but in many unions, the leaders will interfere with the editor when they shouldn't, they will fail to interfere when they ought to, and they will be skimpy and grudging with money and time.

Now, no publisher and no editor has a sure fire formula for success. If they had, such mass circulation publications as Collier's or Liberty would not have expired. Yet certain minimal standards of editorial craftsmanship do apply. Despite the fact that in the union publications we have a captive audience, edi-

torial craft disciplines must apply to labor journals as they do to the commercial press. That being the case, how should a trade union paper go about addressing its public?

I don't mean to be pontifical about it, but the first thing an editor ought to do is project his imagination as to who his potential readers will be. Toward this end I offer the novel proposition that union members are people. They are the same kind of people who will buy one daily paper in preference to another, one weekly or monthly magazine in preference to another. Inasmuch as none of us edits a daily paper, it's in the commercial magazine field we have to look for a model or counterpart. We can't possibly compete with the big-time magazines in art, color or other cosmetic appeal, but we can and we should offer them competition in editorial content. If we have something to say—and we certainly do have!—we ought to say it brightly, engagingly, interestingly, with the juice of life in what we print.

By and large, we fail to take advantage of our opportunities. When we will, when labor editors will learn the facts of journalistic life, when union leaders will learn that it is even more important to have their papers read than to have them published, we shall have acquired an enormous public for trade union attitudes, concepts and aspirations. When we acquire fully articulated communication with our own public, much of the difficulty of communication with the rest of the public will be resolved.

Gee-whiz buildup

As part of the Gee-Whiz Buildup for Richard Nixon's presidential campaign, the Ladies' Home Journal has published a sweetly sickening story about the Nixons by one of Washington's better-known sob sisters. The main burden of the story is that Nixon is just like us folks. Sure, he makes \$35,000 a year, plus \$10,000 tax-free for expenses, but Mrs. Nixon, if the wordy mush is to be believed, still presses his suits. Like the circus boy, Mrs. Nixon does just about everything—including watering the elephants on her day off. She scrambles eggs, makes curtains and walks Checkers, the original soap opera hound.—COPE.

OPINIONS

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PARTY COMMITTEE ELECTION VITAL

Editor Labor Journal:

Next month voters will cast their most unintelligent votes for their party's county central committee members. Careful analysis shows that half of those who go to the polls will ignore voting for this office. Those who do vote for county central committeemen will be influenced greatly by (1) the candidate's position on the ballot, (2) the appearance of the candidate's name, and (3) his occupational designation. Some voters—it is to be presumed (although results do not back this up very well)—will make intelligent choices. (Having won the highest vote two years ago among all 96 contestants in Alameda County, I feel especially free to criticize the process.)

Actually, the county central committees are important elements in our political system. By law they are charged with conducting the party's business within their county. Composed of incompetents they can do a lot of damage to their party. Composed of dedicated and competent individuals they can be instrumental in improving their party's organization, making it more responsive to the voters and increasing the party's success at the polls and in legislative chambers.

May I suggest that you counter the "guess I'll vote for him" voter by knowing the merit of those for whom you vote.

GEORGE F. MALONE.

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THE BASE BALL MONGERS HIT

Editor Labor Journal:

It was a source of great satisfaction to read the masterpiece of literary art, in the April 22nd issue under the heading of "REPORT to Our Readers," the iconoclastic blast at the horse trading, penny pinching, anti-union National Baseball mongers.

I've waited 50 years for just such an article.

The parting dart in the last paragraph, "sometimes," has a sting that should generate some thinking.

Thank you . . .
E. W. MULDOON.
Pressmen's No. 39,
Oakland, Calif.

(Editor's Note: The paragraph starting with the word "sometimes" to which Brother Muldoon refers was as follows: "Sometimes a few labor people turn up who wish it were possible for more unionists to feel as deeply and to express as fully their love of their union." That is, to feel and express as much love for their union as for hired teams, "these animated brand names of commercial enterprises," such as the Giants or the Fortyniners.)

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UNION, MAYBE?

A boy from a rural area, working behind the picket line as a "trainee" in the Oregonian composing room, learned a new lesson.

He'd been promised a raise, but instead he got fired without notice or dismissal pay. Said he to his fellow strikebreakers as he got his coat:

"Gee, this isn't right. We ought to have some kind of organization." — Oregon Labor Press.

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NIMROD, RETIRED

The only hunting I do any more is for my bifocals. Gun-smoke on TV and a sure cure for rheumatiz. — Pete Terzich, editor of The Carpenter.